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THE SUPREME COURT.

FAILURE OF THE ATTEMPT TO GET GLADE OUT OF QUOD—DECISION OF THE ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

OTTAWA, Jan. 26.—The record in the Glade case was presented to the Supreme Court at their conference last evening, there being present all the Judges except Judge Scott. The Court declined to hear oral argument, but a written one was presented discussing the questions already stated as being involved in the legal controversy.

The Judges took the papers after supper, to deliberate upon the case. The evening was not of sufficient length to afford them time to arrive at a conclusion, and the consideration of the matter was resumed this morning, the result thereof being a refusal to grant the *supersedeas*.

THE ARGUMENT.

It was contended, in behalf of defendant, first, that the Grand Jury which presented the indictment was illegally constituted, and, therefore, that all its acts were mere nullities. This upon the ground that the Criminal Court of Cook County is but a continuation of the old Recorder's Court, to be governed by the organic law of the predecessor. In support of this position, the Court was cited to its decision in the Hickey contempt case, in which the question was whether the section of the Constitution of 1870, which created the Criminal Court, operated to repeal the act creating the Recorder's Court, and in which case the Court held that "the Recorder's Court is continued with all its powers, authorities, and jurisdictions, except its jurisdiction in purely civil cases, between city and citizen, is taken away. The provision of the statute fixing its terms, providing for the selection of juries, the attendance of the State Attorney and Sheriff and their duties in relation thereto, are still in force. In short, all the machinery through which the functions of the Criminal Court are exercised is afforded by the statutes under the Recorder's Court, or else such functions must be considered as dormant until the means for their exercise shall be provided by legislation." But here none of the requirements of the statute creating that Court, as to the selection and drawing of Grand Jurors (or the panel of Petit Jurors) were complied with, as must be held to be admitted by the demurrer to the plea in abatement, which, as did the challenge to the array of the Grand Jury, raised the same question. The Common Council did not select from the legal voters and taxpayers resident in the City of Chicago the names of parties to be drafted, nor was the panel made up from such qualified persons, and the venire issued (the Sheriff commanding him to summon the jury from the body of the county, and he did actually summon jurors from a town beyond the prescribed limits; the Clerk did not act to draw the jurors to be summoned, and there was not notice of five days' length given to the jurors who were selected. In fact, every provision of the organic law of the Recorder's Court was violated and disregarded, so that the act of the Sheriff became not only an act without legal authority, but an act in direct violation of law. If this be so, then it being settled law that a Grand Jury cannot be called together upon the mere motion of the Sheriff, the body which assembled and acted as a Grand Jury had no more authority than a church society or a debating club. If this were so, then the defendant below (Glade) was relieved of the necessity of pleading to the indictment, for if even one of the pleas of privilege were bad in point of law, so

NEW YORK.

Ten Bank-Failures This Winter---One of Them Brought About by a Woman.

Imprisonment of Witnesses in the House of Detention.

The New Japanese Embassy---Progress of Americanism in Japan---The New Japanese Currency.

Barnard and Shanks---Hepworth---"Julius Cæsar" at Booth's Theatre.

From Our Special Correspondent.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.

FAILURES OF BANKS.

The Market Savings Bank was, on Saturday last, added to the long list of banks which have this winter succumbed to the pressure of "hard times." Most of these were Savings Institutions, and, as a consequence, universal hardship has resulted from their suspension. Most of the depositors in these banks were small tradesmen, who depended upon their deposits for the transaction of their daily business. Of course, when their money was locked up in the suspended banks, they were very much embarrassed. The doors of the closed banks were besieged by clamorous crowds of small depositors, and, as one after another put up its shutters and turned itself over to a Receiver, tears were entertained that the swindled depositors would wreak summary vengeance upon those financial managers who had wrought their ruin. Ten banks are among the financial wrecks of the winter, and, strange to say, nearly every one of these failures is attributable to the overthrow of the Tammany Ring. In several of these the Ring-men were Directors, and, the Reform movement having "broken them up in business," they quietly allowed their banks to go into the hands of Receivers, first having secured nice plums for themselves.

The failure of one of the Savings Banks was brought about by a woman,—a gay, dashing widow. This woman, a couple of years ago, captivated the heart of one of the most prominent members of the Ring, who, in addition to a wife and family, lavished upon her thousands of dollars of the plunder which he obtained from the City and County Treasuries. In the munificence of his expenditures upon this fair but frail beauty, he endeavored to rival the notorious Fisk, and his attentions to the Mansfield, but sought to avoid the public scandal which attached to that individual. Among other things, he gave his gay widow an elegant brown-stone front house in a fashionable locality, and here he used to give elegant suppers—not to say orgies—to his friends. As the festive woman had an eye to the main chance, no two parties were given in unison with this Ring speculator, she accumulated nearly $100,000, which she deposited in the Savings Bank of which her paramour was a Director. When the Reform movement of the Ring-thieves set in, and the latter commenced putting their property out of their hands, the widow got stirred for the safety of her deposit, and, running to the bank, drew out her money to bank in her *corps*, and drew out her $100,000. This was a heavy drain on "available assets," and next day the bank closed. It is now in the hands of a Receiver, and the report is that the depositors will receive about 50 or 60 cents on the dollar. But the unfortunates of the Ring-thief obtained dollar for dollar, and returned to the mansion which the Ring-thief had given his fair lady made a row at first, but the blandishments of his widow soon appeased his wrath, and they still entertain at the brown-stone front.

The "run" on the Third Avenue Savings Bank is one of the most remarkable that has occurred in this city for years. It was produced by disagreement among the Directors,—or, rather, among would-be Directors,—and the disappointed ones caused a panic among the depositors. For upwards of two weeks now this run has been going on, the bank paying promptly every depositor who wished his account settled. The bank has paid out upwards of $2,000,000 during this time, and its officers assert that it will continue to pay dollar for dollar. There are very few moneyed institutions in the city which could have done this. While they might all be perfectly sound, it would puzzle most of them to realize upon their securities with sufficient readiness to meet the clamor of frightened depositors. A prominent Bank President, with whom I was recently conversing about the Third Avenue run, said that there were three banks in the city which could stand a similar run in proportion to its capital. The Third Avenue has not only paid all deposits, but all accumulations of interest upon such deposits.

DETENTION OF WITNESSES.

Stokes, the murderer of Fisk, is still in the Tombs, his trial not having commenced yet. Indeed, there is a feeling that the trial of Stokes will not be speedily commenced; that it will be prolonged to the very utmost; and every possible advantage taken of "the law's delay" to defeat justice. In the meantime, the three hotel-waiters—my name, Thomas Hart, P. Hart, and J. T. Redmond—are confined as prisoners in the House of Detention. I do not know how you get along in Chicago; but here, if a man is unfortunate enough to witness a crime, the chances are ten to one that he will find himself committed to prison. He certainly will unless he is well known, or can give bonds for appearance and testify against the offender. It is another ten to one chance that while he, the innocent witness, languishes in prison,—for the House of Detention is nothing better than a prison,—the person who committed the offence has given bail, and is at full liberty to parade the streets, and repeat his violation of the law if he likes.

I had the curiosity to make inquiry, the other day, as to how many prisoners there are at present in the House of Detention. I was informed that there are twelve,—the oldest resident there being Lew Compton, who was committed Sept. 22, 1871. This is the poor girl who had the misfortune to be a servant in the employ of one Haggerty, who was rich enough to use his money to cover and a man named Bauloh commit a burglary one night in the Comptroller's office, and steal therefrom the celebrated vouchers which would have saved some Ramsay Ring-thieves to State Prison. For Lew Haggerty's indiscretion to tell what she saw, and forthwith she was seized upon and locked up as securely as if she had been the burglar, and her Haggerty and Bauloh. To be sure, Mary has no friends, and, besides, has offended the Tammany Ring; so, of course, she is not entitled to any consideration. Of the other witnesses detained, there are two who saw other murders than that of Fisk; but the rest are held as witnesses in grand-larceny, swindling, and petty-larceny cases. In five of these cases the principals are millionaires, and political influence will doubtless prevent their trial. These three witnesses of the Fisk murder now stand a good chance of getting a greater amount of punishment than will Stokes himself.

THE JAPANESE.

The Japanese Embassy, now in San Francisco, is likely to meet with a magnificent reception in this city on its arrival here. As you say, of course, aware, this Embassy is composed of higher dignitaries than have ever before left Japan on any mission, and are popularly believed to be entrusted with very extensive powers. As a consequence, New Yorkers look to their arrival in this city as an event to be improved to the uttermost, with a view to cultivating more intimate commercial relations with Japan. Since the Japanese have made such rapid strides toward civilization, and seem to have approved of certain of our forms of Government in preference to those of any other country, our commercial people are being drawn to look upon Japan as a New El Dorado, and are exceedingly anxious for more extended privileges in that land. The opposition is afoot for the new "Merchants' Club" to take this Embassy in hand, thus securing proper attention to them, and an opportunity for "talking shop." In the present condition of our municipal affairs, it is impossible for the City to receive those distinguished foreigners in a proper manner, and, unless some of the commercial organizations take them in hand at once, there is danger of their falling into the hands of a few snobs, as did the Grand Duke, and their visit rendered as wearisome as was his.

The "Merchants' Club," which has this matter under consideration, is a new Club, composed of the prominent merchants of the city, who have opened an elegant clubhouse in Leonard street, a central point in their business. An immense amount of wealth is represented by its members, and the ten are the very ones to be benefited by free intercourse with Japan. It would seem to be fit and proper that they should chaperon the coming Embassy.

I had an interview, a few evenings since, with the Financial Agent of Japan,—Nakashima by name,—who has been here several months superintending the printing of Japanese bonds and greenbacks. Last summer, an Embassy which was in this country investigated our financial system thoroughly, and the result was that the Japanese Government resolved to adopt bonds and currency similar to those which the country possesses. They accordingly entered into contracts with the Continental Bank-Note Company to engrave and print these bonds and notes; and that Company has been at work for several months preparing three. Nakashima is here superintending this work, and a model of which he has made the Company. The matter of securing proper designs for a work of this magnitude is certainly very great; and, when you have added to it such an unusual amount of caution and Japanese suspicion, the work assumes formidable proportions, and consumes a vast amount of time.

But, recently, the designs were all agreed upon, and the Company is now at work on them with all its resources. Nakashima showed me some of these. The notes will each contain several small engravings, copied from some of the Japanese pictures of national subjects now in the Palace of the Mikado. Photographs of these pictures were taken, and from these the designs were made. The designs were instructed to improve upon these pictures by throwing into them as much spirit and vigor as possible, without destroying the general character of them. This has been done very successfully, especially in some of the battle pieces. To Japanese the denominations of the bonds and notes (Japanese characters are used, and also the Roman figures which appear upon our notes. The idea of this is to familiarize the people of Japan with the English characters, with the idea of popularizing them, anticipating that ultimately the English language may be adopted among them. This is practically carrying out Mr. Chase's idea of rendering himself popular, when he was a candidate for the Presidency, by putting his likeness on the one dollar bills and his fractional currency. The use of Roman figures on the Japanese notes is rendered necessary by the fact that that Government has adopted our dollar as its standard, and it is required to teach the people of the English definition of the Japanese characters which express the value of the note. In addition to the national pictures which adorn these Japanese bank-notes, there have been added the usual dragons, snakes, and other "insects" familiar to their mythology. In general appearance, these greenbacks are the counterparts of our own. The bonds, also, resemble Mr. Boutwell's. Splendid bonds they will be! Imagine a Japanese hieroglyphic-key to any much resembling the signature of Mr. Spinner, the beautiful and accomplished Treasurer of the United States.

The new Japanese metal coin is also made with our dollar for the unit, divided in accordance with the decimal system. This coinage was put in circulation about the 1st of January, and is pronounced to be far more acceptable than their old oblong silver coins, which corresponded with the currency of no other country. The new gold coins, made like those ours are called "yens," one yen being equal to our dollar. They have also a coin which is called the coin of convenience, and is not a legal-tender. It is called "one yen-gin" and is equivalent in value to a Mexican dollar.

Nakashima told me that the young Japanese, of the progressive element among them, had recently established a weekly newspaper at Yeddo, and in a short time proposed to make it a daily. This was done by one of their number who visited this country a year ago, and was deeply impressed by the influence which our journals exercised upon the masses. A conference of the daily editors printed in Japan have been the official gazettes, which have been issued by the Government to its officers. Nakashima showed me some of these papers, and from a paragraph reciting the reception accorded General Capron by the Mikado; at least, Nakashima said that was what was printed; but, although I looked at the characters, he could not prove it by the statement by me. He told me that the new paper was established for the purpose of combating old-foryism in the Empire, and teaching the people that the best thing they have is unrestricted intercourse with the rest of the world. Already the journal had commenced an attack upon the costume of the Japanese, declaring that the baggy breeches and the feminine skirts of the males, in connection with the neat and appropriate costume of the English and Americans. It is proposed to keep up this attack until the Japanese have thrown away their bags and their skirts, adopt our mode of dressing. Nakashima informed me that the great obstacle to popularizing a newspaper in Japan is the confusion which exists in the language. The Chinese characters are nearly the same extent that, to many Japanese, some of their own characters are "all Greek." He said it would be very easy to print in their own language; but, in that event, the paper would be read by but few. It would be necessary to adopt the English letters and thus spell out the words. This would be a great change, however, and one which would require time to effect. Of course, the Japanese is too much for them. They entertain the idea of eventually changing the entire language, and educating their people in the English tongue. Nakashima is a very intelligent young man; speaks but little English, but that little he speaks well and forcibly. He expressed great confidence in the "young Japanese of the Period" effecting great revolutions in their country, and unbounded admiration for America and the American people. The coming Embassy has with it a number of young men and women, who are to be educated here, and the first evidence the Japanese have ever given of any regard for their women. By the way, "Nakashima" is but one of the many names which they have adopted on his "christening;" but one is all I can afford to give him in a letter of ordinary length.

BARNARD AND SHANKS.

There is a very pretty quarrel going on here now between Judge Barnard, of the Supreme Court, and Mr. Shanks, City Editor of the *Tribune*. The points of it are simply these: Mr. Shanks, in connection with another reporter on the city editor's staff, has been censuring Judge Barnard for his course on the Bench. Lately the *Tribune* has been particularly severe, and Mr. Shanks has been the mouth-piece of the City Press in the matter. A few days since, Judge Barnard was "interviewed" relative to the charges made against him, and, during his conversation with the reporter, he intimated that Shanks was disbarred from the Bar, and that writing its news and sending to other papers, and that he was discharged from *Harper's* for attempting to seduce one of the lady-contributors. Judge Barnard seems to have got the idea that the failure of this attempt was a greater crime than the attempt itself. Mr. Shanks publishes a card accepting these insinuations as charges. Barnard (not Judge Barnard name) as intended for himself, denying them *in toto*, and calling Judge Barnard a scoundrel and other pet names. Judge Barnard reiterates his statements; and Mr. Shanks dares Barnard to make his insinuations positively personal; upon the doing of which he threatens him with all sorts of court-proceedings for libel, slander, defamation of character, etc., etc., etc. By this time the matter cannot be cleared up; but while Judge Barnard has impeachment staring him in the face, he is not likely to court a suit for libel.

THE REV. GEORGE B. HEPWORTH.

The Rev. George B. Hepworth has come out, a flat-footed Congregationalist at last. He has been hovering on the flanks of the Unitarian Church for some time, and now has taken the final plunge, and landed plump in the bosom of the flock. After the failure of his attempt to carry his old Unitarian congregation bodily to the Congregational ranks, he wandered around promiscuously for a couple of weeks, talking about a new Church, wherein everybody should do just as he pleased, without regard to creeds or religion, but finally put forward as the Congregational Quarterly Conference, was introduced by Beecher, made a speech, and concluded by subscribing to the genuine iron-clad Congregational oath of allegiance. This reverend gentleman has succeeded, at last, in producing a religious sensation, and getting pitched into by all the papers, religious and secular,—which is fame. How thick is fame, let us hope he will be provided with a quiet flock and a good salary, and retire to a life of ease and quiet. Mr. Hepworth came here from Boston, and, if what I have heard of the matter is true, his departing from that godly city was a great relief to its religious element. As a preacher, his ability was limited; but, as a sensationist, he has always stood pre-eminent; and, would have been a credit to the modern drama had policy led him stageward. He is always looking for effect,—striving to do or say something in the blue-fire and sky rocket style. This will give *eclat* to the name of Hepworth. This time by a conspiracy formed with certain Orthodox clergymen, he has the popular side of the question, and, for the time being, is the Hon. of the hour; not that people love Hepworth more, but Unitarianism less. He has revived the old flame, and given the editors of religious journals and doctrinarians something to write and talk about.

"JULIUS CÆSAR."

Talking of Hepworth naturally leads one to consider stage effects; and, in this line, it is many a day since we have had anything to equal "Julius Cæsar" as produced at Booth's Theatre. The unequalled resources of this house enable Mr. Booth to mount his pieces in a manner never before witnessed, and the mounting of "Julius Cæsar" is an improvement upon anything he has before done. The scenery is grand from first to last; and this, with the really exquisite acting of the principals in the play, makes one feel that he is, in reality, witnessing that grand conspiracy of those old Roman patriots. The gem of the piece, so far as acting goes, is the *Mark Antony* of Mr. C. Bangs. This gentleman, heretofore rated as a good stock-actor, in this character has, at a single bound, become the peer of Booth and Barrett. *Cassius* and *Cæsar* of the play, the *Brutus* and humble judgment, but, in my opinion, Bangs's *Mark Antony* is the worst acted of any of Booth's characters, and Barrett and Bangs are both his superiors in "Julius Cæsar." The *Cassius* of Barrett is full of hot young blood and fiery eloquence, he becomes the instigator of the conspiracy; while the touching tenderness of Mr. Bangs's *Mark Anthony* (Bangs) over the dead body of his friend *Julius Cæsar* is such as to almost draw tears from the audience. Any one seeing as one sees but seldom, and, once seen, is always remembered. Bangs is a young man, and is now in that position where he must make or ruin himself. The public have seen and approved his *Mark Anthony*, and, should he descend again to respectable mediocrity, it will be a grievous disappointment to the host of friends he has made. Much will be expected of Barrett, too, in the future. He has long been known as an actor of sterling worth; but he has never so pleased his audiences in this city as he has done with his *Cassius*.

This revival of "Julius Cæsar" must have brought strong remembrances to Mr. Booth. The last time it was played in New York, Mr. Booth produced it at the old Metropolitan Theatre, then a part of the Lafayette Hotel building. It was brought out with Edwin Booth, Junius Brutus Booth, and John Wilkes Booth, in the parts of *Brutus*, *Cassius*, and *Mark Anthony*. On one occasion,

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

MONETARY.

FRIDAY EVENING, Jan. 26.

Financial matters continue quiet, both in this and Eastern markets. There was, however, a slight reaction to-day from the downward tendency of prices in stocks and gold in New York, and also of grain and provisions in this market. The rise in all these is, however, was small, and seems to be only a temporary speculative advance. Money in this market continues easy, and is freely offered by the banks at 10 per cent, and in the open market at nearly the same rates.

Exchange continues weak at from 25c to 50c per $1,000 premium for sales between banks. At the counter, bankers sell at 1-10c premium and buy at par.

THE MYTH OF CONTRACTION.

The New York *Bulletin* of the 24th prints a letter from Mr. Edward Atkinson, on "Specie Payments," which proposes a new, clear manner, the ability of the Government to resume, as follows:

The elements of the question are now very different from what they have been before, and are as follow: The Treasury has in coin about $90,000,000, this being substantially the balance of gold received for duties after the payment of interest. The ordinary certain income of the Government from customs revenue from January 1, 1872, to January 1, 1873, is $180,000,000.

The change in the ratio can be passed by this Congress without any legislation at all, unless some inexperienced increase of the free list on articles that yield little revenue.

If a substantial reduction is made, legislation cannot be compelled upon it until next summer, and all radical changes, even in the right direction, should not be made without fair notice.

For the year now the Government, therefore, has a certainty of coming in specie or true money:

This sum is more than the entire expenses of the Government will be for the same period, for interest, civil service, pensions, war, and navy.

The interest, naval expenses and a considerable part of the civil service expenditures are now made in gold.

Why should not the Government at once resume payments in gold, all its expenditures in gold? *Is true money a contraction?*

The Government, and it only, suspended, why should it not resume?

If banks and people are not ready they need not fear any sudden call.

It may be asked, What will become of greenbacks paid in for taxes, and the reply is that as the Government, having an ample supply of gold, ceases to need of collecting a new forced loan, will therefore not issue any more bonds for the Government interest.

The ability of the Government to resume has been known, never been doubted by those who understood the relation of its revenue to its current expenses. The fear that has held gold back from attempting specie payments is that the banks would, somehow, experience a crisis, which would cause a sudden contraction of the paper money in circulation. The first effect would be that within six months gold would fall to a premium, and the consequent effect of the paper money would rise in proportion as its quantity was decreased, until that point was reached where further decrease in the volume of paper money than this point would bring gold into circulation just in proportion as the volume of paper money was insufficient for the business of the country. In regard to this point that Mr. Comptroller Hulburd made his egregious mistake in his last report. "where," he said, "there is a large premium on gold, as there is now, 12 to 15 per cent, and currency par with gold," there must be a very considerable *contraction* in consequence of the addition of gold and silver to the currency." Mr. Hulburd and others who accept his notions imagine there is a vast amount of hoarded specie that would flow into circulation, as soon as there was no longer any premium on it. But this is impossible, from the fact that it is not possible that the volume of currency would be too large and the paper portion of it would depreciate again at once. If paper money coming to par would bring specie into circulation, the volume of specie thus circulated would not prevent paper remaining at par, and cause the immediate retirement of the specie again. But the notion that the volume of currency could be reduced to a par, is too absurd to engage the attention of thinking men. To return to the subject of "contraction," there is no such thing as it. I do not think it most that *contraction is a myth*. There can be no such thing as contraction of the volume of money, actual money, in circulation, when we have an ever issue of legal-tender paper money, the value of the total volume of it fluctuating, as it does, according to the supply and demand value of the total volume of money that can be used in the trade of the country. If, on the other hand, there is a depreciation of paper money than the trade of the country can use, specie will inevitably come into circulation just as fast as may be found to be required, and for just the extent and no greater than will keep up the total volume of circulation to what can be used in the business of the country.

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U. S. 10-40s	111	111¼
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Chicago City 7s	100	
Cook County 7s	100	
Gold and silver	108½	108¾
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Gold and gold coupons	108½	109
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Land warrants, 120s	132	133
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Adams Express	56	Do pf.	67
Do pf.	66	Wells, F. & Co.	36
American	65	Fort Wayne	91½
United States	30	Terre Haute	10
Pacific Mail	67¼	Do pf.	35
New York Central	94	Ohio & Miss.	30
N. Y. Central Scrip	91	Panama	140
Erie	33¾	C. & A.	97½
Erie pf.	55	C. R. I. & P.	97
Harlem	136	C. & Alton	97½
Harlem pf.	136	Do pf.	97½
Hudson River	119	Indiana Central	22
Reading	93¾	Illinois Central	136
Michigan Central	117	Dubuque stock	30
Michigan Southern	94	Do scrip	30
Northwestern	72½	D. F. bonds	65
Northwestern pf.	91	C. C. C. & I.	102½
R. I.	109½		

COMMERCIAL.

FRIDAY EVENING, Jan. 26.

The following were the receipts and shipments of flour, grain, and produce for the past twenty-four hours:

	Received.		*Shipped.*	
	1872.	1871.	1872.	1871.
Flour, brls	8,999	8,561	9,363	7,775
Wheat, bu	39,000	38,561	700	3,104
Corn, bu	89,150	60,000	24,737	2,051
Oats, bu	16,650	19,170	12,245	1,486
Rye, bu	1,500	1,900	3,180	
Barley, bu	5,920	4,000	2,323	5,255
Grass seed, lbs	149,574	98,856	56,500	
Flax seed, lbs		1,000		
Broom corn, lbs	11,950	61,280	16,000	37,344
Cured meats, lbs	186,180	26,370	1104,497	1291,406
Beef, tcs	5	1,312	173	840
Pork, brls	1,312	1,312	173	840
Lard, lbs	372,260	120,000	230,220	138,000
Tallow, lbs	28,350	16,196		1,200
Butter, lbs	39,324	44,845	6,000	18,840
Dressed hogs, No	2,779	5,363	1,545	1,711
Live hogs, No	13,250	10,762	1,077	1,716
Cattle, No	2,312	797	1,590	867
Sheep, No	2,834	2,250	180	817
Hides, lbs	173,720	211,005	90,000	41,250
Tobacco, hhds	25	692	157	150
Tobacco, pkgs				
Wool, lbs	60,930	8,780	189,110	
Potatoes, brls	1,780	3,260		
Lumber, M	547	101	471	851
Shingles, m	210	202	245	1,098
Lath, m	18		1,400	200
Salt, brls				

Withdrawn yesterday for city consumption: 173 bu wheat; 538 bu corn; 235 bu oats; 334 bu rye.

The following grain has been inspected into store up to 9 o'clock this morning: 29 cars wheat; 130 cars corn; 2 cars oats; 1 car rye; 2 cars barley. Total 170 cars, or 76,500 bu.

The produce markets took a decided turn to-day, all the leading ones being excited and higher, growing to a general rush to buy. Orders were numerous from operators outside the city, and local speculators were active in purchasing, the one mainly becoming excited at the same time as the other. New York was quoted firmer, but it seemed most probable that New York was acted on by Chicago, as no Eastern causes were known for an advance. It seemed to be a total reaction from recent duliness, a great many coming simultaneously to the conclusion that prices have been run down as low as they will be, especially as receipts are falling off, and the volume of shipments shows a satisfactory increase.

Our statement of this morning about the lows Elevator in this city was slightly inaccurate. Yesterday, while still accommodating nearly 200,000 bu of Corn, has not passed out of the hands of Superior, Fraser & Co. These gentlemen are receiving grain in store for rail shipment, and have not yet commenced to forward it. Prices are very quiet.

Rates are very quiet. We note sales at 19½ per 100 lbs for old to good new.

Freights dull and heavy. We note sales at 6½ @ 6¾ for wheat to New York, and 6½ @ 6¾ for corn to Buffalo.

Receipts of hogs were in good demand for shipment, at 3½ @ 3¾ for light to good, and in sympathy with New York, Eastern markets were out of store. Good lots opened at $4 35 @ 4 40, and closed at $4 50 @ 4 60. Only a few lots of choice heavy, 250 lbs and over, sold early at $4 55 @ 4 60. Prices were 5c per 100 lbs lower than last week. Sales 2,515 head against 2,000 for the previous week.

Provisions were excited and higher, prices active. The very large sales of yesterday and the corresponding advance seemed to go with many holders flames in their vitals, and on the opening morning in the price of lard enabled them to depress it still further concessions. This was more marked in pork, which opened 25c lower, but in speculation that a ripple in the market is sure to bring out buyers or sellers in considerable numbers. We quote: Mess pork, 1½ @ 1¾ for cash sales. Lard was about 5c per 100 lbs higher than last week's inquiry. Meats were in good demand at yesterday's quotations, but, as holders generally asked 5c more, transactions were limited. Middles are still wanted on English account, the general inquiry being for short clears. Shipping and other who accept his notions imagine there is a vast amount of hoarded specie that would flow into circulation, as soon as there was no longer any premium on it. But this is impossible, from the fact that it is not possible that the volume of currency would be too large and the paper portion of it would depreciate again at once. If paper money coming to par would bring specie into circulation, the volume of specie thus circulated would not prevent paper remaining at par, and cause the immediate retirement of the specie again. But the notion that the volume of currency could be reduced to a par, is too absurd to engage the attention of thinking men. To return to the subject of "contraction," there is no such thing as it. I do not think it most that *contraction is a myth*. There can be no such thing as contraction of the volume of money, actual money, in circulation, when we have an ever issue of legal-tender paper money, the value of the total volume of it fluctuating, as it does, according to the supply and demand value of the total volume of money that can be used in the trade of the country. If, on the other hand, there is a depreciation of paper money than the trade of the country can use, specie will inevitably come into circulation just as fast as may be found to be required, and for just the extent and no greater than will keep up the total volume of circulation to what can be used in the business of the country.

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The Chicago Daily Market.

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BUTTER—The butter trade was generally reported quiet, and with the single exception of choice, in tubs, which was in fair demand, the market ruled weak. We make no change in our quotations, as follows: Choice dairy, 30@32c; fair to good, 24@28c; inferior to common stock, 17@19c.

BAGGING—Grain bags were in demand and were firmly held at 15½ for two-and-ones. Other goods in this line ruled quiet and steady. We quote: Stark, 38c; Grahamption, 37c; Wamsutta, 37½c; Lewiston, 37½c; Otis, 36c; Minnesota, 32c; burlaps, bags, 21¼@22c; gunnies, single, 19@20c; do double, 28c; wool sacks, 68@70c.

BROOM CORN—Is still quiet.

BUILDING MATERIALS—We continue to quote: Stucco, $2.75@3.00; New York stucco, cast-ing, $3.50@4.00; Portland cement, $3.12½@3.25; hair, $1.75; Rosendale cement, $3.00@3.25; marble dust, $3.00; lime in bulk, $1.25; white sand, 9c bri, 80@90c per load; yellow sand, 7c bri, 70@80c per load; brick, 6 @ 7 per 1,000, $40@60@80.00; building brick, $12.00@16.00; fire clay, $4.00@5.00 @ ton.

BUTTER—Remain dull at former rates. We quote: Common at 20@21c; medium at $1.75 @1.85, and good to choice at $2.00@2.20.

BROOM CORN—Is still quiet, but steady. We quote: Common; $60.00@75.00 @ ton; fair to medium, $80.00@100.00; choice, $110.00@150.00, and choice hurl to $140.00@160.00.

COAL—Trade was again fairly active, and the quoted prices were generally adhered to. We repeat our list as follows: Lehigh, prepared, $12.50; Lackawanna, $11.50@12.00; Spring Hill, $10.00@10.50; Briar Hill, $10.00@10.50; Walnut Hill, $10.00; Cherry Mine, $8.50@9.00; Indiana, $8.00@8.50; Blossburg, $9.00@9.50; Wilmington, $6.00.

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CORN—Was in good demand and higher, prices advanced a little. Sales were executed at 39½ @ 39¾ for rejected; 40c for No. 3; 40½ @ 40¾ for No. 2, and 41c for No. 1.

CRANBERRIES—Are very quiet. We note sales at 19c @ bu.

DRIED FRUITS—Are very quiet. We note sales of apples at 5c @ lb.

EGGS—Are very quiet. We note sales at 19c @ doz.

FEATHERS—Are very quiet. We note sales at 60c @ lb for dry fluff, 19@20c for dry and 30@35c for prime.

FISH—Are very quiet. We note sales at 5c @ lb for No. 1 trout; 4c for No. 2 trout; 3c for No. 3 trout; 6c for No. 1 white fish; 5c for No. 2 white fish; 4c for No. 3 white fish; 4c for No. 1 herring; 3c for No. 2 herring; 2c for No. 3 herring; 5c for No. 1 pickerel; 4c for No. 2 pickerel; 3c for No. 3 pickerel; 6c for No. 1 pike; 5c for No. 2 pike; 4c for No. 3 pike; 6c for No. 1 bass; 5c for No. 2 bass; 4c for No. 3 bass; 6c for No. 1 mackerel; 5c for No. 2 mackerel; 4c for No. 3 mackerel.

FLOUR—Was in good demand, and prices advanced a little. Sales were executed at 40c for rejected; 45c for No. 3; 50c for No. 2; 55c for No. 1; 60c for No. 1 red winter; 65c for No. 2 red winter, and 70c for No. 1 spring.

GRAIN—Was in good demand, and prices advanced a little. Sales were executed at 40c for

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 1872.

A SUGGESTION TO THE COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS.

The statement of Secretary Boutwell to the Committee of Ways and Means, and the report of the Committee on the Syndicate operation, show that the public debt was increased $130,000,000 from the 1st of September to the 1st of December, 1871, and that interest to the amount of $1,700,000 was paid on the increase, without any capital having been invested by the Syndicate; also, that the Syndicate consisted of Jay Cooke & Co. and certain other persons unknown to the Secretary. This is held by the Committee not to involve either an infraction of the law, or a payment of more than one-half of 1 per cent as commissions for negotiating the loan. The Committee express no opinion as to the wisdom of the operation, but say that it may safely be left to the judgment of the public.

It is well known that the intent and expectation of Congress was, that the new bonds should be sold at par in coin, or should be exchanged at par for the old bonds. For this reason a clause was inserted in the law, that the public debt should not at any time be increased, and that the total expense of advertising and negotiating the loan should not exceed one-half of 1 per cent. If anybody had suggested that, under the law, the debt might be *temporarily* increased, and that the expense of negotiating the loan might be 2 per cent, instead of one-half of 1 per cent, a clause would certainly have been added to prevent the Secretary from accomplishing by indirection what he could not do directly, viz.: paying out of the Treasury $1,700,000 in addition to the sum authorized to be paid as commissions to the Syndicate.

But we let that pass, and proceed to consider the remainder of the loan, which, according to public rumor, is about to be syndicated. If it is the expectation and desire of Congress that the Government money or the Government credit, to the amount of $600,000,000, or $1,000,000,000, or the whole amount of the outstanding 5-20 bonds, shall be loaned to Jay Cooke & Co., or other private individuals, without interest, for the period of three months, or any other time, that expectation and desire ought to be reduced to writing and enacted in the form of a law, so that there may be no future misunderstanding about it, no room left for accusations against the Secretary, and no need of his resorting to the device of accepting bank checks as gold when he knows that the checks are drawn against no funds, and would be protested if payment were demanded on them. We doubt whether any political advantages are attained by such transactions which compensate for the money lost to the Treasury, or atone for the sharp practice involved in them. Let us have plain sailing henceforward; and, when we advertise for a loan hereafter, let the money-lenders and the taxpayers understand to a half-dime how much is to be paid for interest and how much allowed for commissions. We make this suggestion to the Committee of Ways and Means for what it is worth. We believe it will save more money to the Government in the long run than any Syndicate will ever put in the Treasury by any hocus-pocus whatsoever.

EMINENT DOMAIN.

The Legislature, after devoting more than a year to the consideration of the subject, seems as far as ever from any agreement upon a law to regulate the exercise of Eminent Domain in the State of Illinois. Bills have been considered in both Houses, but no action has been had. There are certain railroad views upon this subject, to which members adhere strenuously, and which have not yet been reconciled, to the extent of passing a law. As we understand it, the members of the Legislature are divided, in relation to this matter, into the following classes:

1. Those who deny that any person can be charged with special benefits resulting from any public work, of whatever kind.

2. Those who adhere to the foregoing proposition, with the exception that municipal corporations can assess benefits upon real estate supposed to be increased in value by opening streets and alleys, or paving or otherwise improving the same.

3. Those who think that railroads should be entitled to a deduction from the value of lands taken by them, because of the benefits conferred upon the property through which the roads are constructed.

Each of these propositions has its advocates, and it seems, from the votes in the House of Representatives, that no one of them has strength enough to command a majority. The Legislature, perhaps, would reach a conclusion on this subject if they would remember that their duty is to provide the machinery to execute the Constitution, and not to make a Constitution. The Legislature cannot determine by law what the Constitution means; it cannot confer upon railroads rights which the Constitution denies, nor deprive them of rights to which they are entitled. If cities may assess benefits upon property supposed to be specially benefited by local improvements, they have that right under existing laws which are consistent with the Constitution. If the new Constitution deprives cities of this power, then the Legislature cannot confer it upon them. The struggle in the Legislature seems to be to give to the Constitution a Legislative construction which it is hoped may be final, and thus forestall or coerce the Judiciary in a peculiar construction of the Constitution.

There is a pressing need for legislation on this subject. There is no demand for a Legislative judgment as to the relative rights of individuals and the public; all that is needed is provision for the legal machinery by which the right of Eminent Domain may be asserted. All else may be left to the Courts to determine.

THE CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

The Hartford *Courant* publishes a statement of a conversation had with President Grant, some two years ago, by General Hawley, the editor of the *Courant*, in which the President argued earnestly for a reform of the Civil Service. Hawley talked against the competitive examinations and the lifetenure of office in the Departments, saying "He did not like to think of a body of 40,000 or 50,000 civil officers appointed practically for life. They might grow into a well-drilled, compact, political army, the obedient partisan servants of the Executive, and, in some emergencies, the dangerous enemies of liberty."

The President's reply is thus reported:

"The President replied that the very fact that these officers were appointed to serve during good behavior, with a tolerable certainty of a term of years, and possibly a pension in old age, and would not be either appointed or removed to help personal and merely partisan purposes, would make them less subservient to party interests; they would be less likely to mingle desperately in the fight. He specially instanced the army and navy. The appointment to both of able and well-educated men in the service for life, and assured of what is virtually a pension in old age, he thought, has been a blessing; and navy officers make it a point of honor to recognize with profound respect whomever they may find at the head of the Department of whatever party; they vote if they choose, and are entirely free in their opinions, but are not active in politics, and they cultivate a high board of honor in all their duties and bearing. The country has no body of servants of such uniform fidelity and integrity. The existence of civil pensions and possible reward a large proportion of loyal men that may other wise of public servants. The President argued that the existence of these good results might reasonably be hoped for under a well-devised system of Civil Service.

This coincides in sentiment with the brief utterances devoted to this subject in the President's earliest communications to Congress. It shows that his opinions were sound at that time, as they appear to be now; though his practice in exercising his prerogative of appointment and removal since his Administration commenced has demonstrated that he had to yield his own views to the pressure of the political partisans by whom the White House was invaded. General Grant now avows a determination to make a stand against the corruptions of Federal Administration, and the people are hoping that he will succeed in maintaining his position. The investigation now going on in New York has furnished him with at least one good weapon for his purpose. He can point to the testimony elicited by that investigation concerning Leg, Stocking, Murphy, Cornell, and Company, as a direct and natural result of the old *regime*, and say to Messrs. Carpenter, Snapp, *et al.*, "There, gentlemen, is the way *your* plan has worked, in spite of my determination, at the outset, to make my Administration distinguished for honesty and economy. Your system is a delusion and a fraud. I have found a better one. I have determined henceforth to take counsel of wiser men, and of my own convictions of duty. Go to. Pay your campaign debts with your own currency. You can't use the offices any longer for that purpose."

POLITICAL EXPENSES.

Since the Retrenchment Committee commenced its investigation into the conduct of the New York Custom House, and the manipulation of the Republican party of New York in connection therewith, it has been stated in the New York *Tribune* that the employes of the Custom House were served, on a certain pay-day, with a notice of a peremptory nature, *requiring* them to pay a tax of 2 per cent for party purposes. This statement was denied with great show of indignation by the Custom House organ in New York; the explanation being that the notice, if served, was a forgery. This plea has already been pretty badly shaken by the testimony of Mr. A. B. Cornell, himself the Surveyor of the Port, one of the gentlemen who picked the State Central Committee for service at Syracuse last summer. Mr. Cornell, of course, went before the Committee for the purpose of justifying everybody and everything inside the Custom House ring; and, true to his errand, he undertook to assure everybody that the contributions for political purposes were all *voluntary*. But, being questioned a little more closely, he explained how, in order to be relieved from the assessment, an employe had to come to him (the Surveyor) and beg off by producing a sick family or other equally urgent reason for being excepted from the assessment, which amounted, in the aggregate, according to Cornell's testimony, to $12,000 upon 400 men, most of whom were simple laborers.

Here, however, is something more definite about the alleged peremptory notice. Daniel Sheehan, an ex-Inspector, writes to the *Tribune* the following, among other statements, to all of which, he says, he is ready to make affidavit:

A written order was, at 9:30 a. m., on Oct. 31, 1870, posted up in the Surveyor's office, between the doors leading to the Surveyor's and Deputy Abell, directly in front of the door by which the room is entered from the corridor. The following is a copy:

NOTICE.—All persons employed in this Department will be taxed 2 per cent upon their salary at the office of the Surveyor. THOMAS MURPHY, Collector of the Port.

About 50 men were in line, I among the rest, waiting our turn to get our salaries. We were signed by Deputy Surveyor Benedict, and while in the line I read the order twice. I was very much surprised at the order, and I interrupted Abell for that reason read it a second time. *In addition to this, the messenger of the Surveyor, James Montague, gave notice to almost every man within my hearing that he was to pay two per cent for Grinnell and pay the assessment.* There are between 30 and 400 men employed in the Surveyor's Department, from one of whom, I have reason to believe, paid this tax. I myself saw several do so.

And Mr. Sheehan adds, with apparent justice, "It is very remarkable that Mr. Cornell did not know that this money was collected in his private office, as he detailed Messrs. French, Culver, and Abell for that purpose."

THE LAKE FISHERIES.

Under the Treaty of Washington, the right of Americans to catch fish in the waters and bays of Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, and the other British Provinces, and to land and cure their fish on British soil, is compensated for by the privilege of bringing British fish into the ports of the United States free of duty. The Buffalo *Commercial* publishes a letter from a firm of wholesale dealers in lake fish, in that city, pointing out how this provision of the treaty will prove fatal to the American lake fisheries. That interest is now a very large one, and is constantly increasing. Whitefish and lake-trout are becoming as familiar in all the markets of the country as mackerel or shad. There are several thousand persons engaged in this business, and the amount expended for labor is large. The Buffalo packers state that, so far as the article of fresh fish is concerned, the British enjoy our market on an equality with the American fishermen. The treaty proposes now to admit the packed fish on like equality. The hardship in the matter is, that the ordinary outfit of nets, etc., of an American fisherman, costs $600, while at Fort Erie or Windsor, in Canada, the same kit can be purchased at $350. The difference in the cost is owing to the fact that gilling twine, which is made for fishing purposes, pays a duty of 40 per cent in gold. These kits have to be renewed one-half annually. The American fisherman, therefore, begins business at a cost of $600, with $300 outlay annually thereafter, while the man on the other side of the lake has to pay only $350 at first and $175 annually. Fishing with free twine and materials, and having free salt with which to cure and pack his fish, the British fishermen can sell their catch in every part of the United States from 40 to 50 per cent cheaper than can the Americans. The remarkable fact is pointed out that salt made at Onondaga, in the United States, is sent to Canada, where it is sold to the British fishermen at about one-half less than the price charged to the American fishermen at Mackinac, and thus our tariff on salt is used to throw the lake-fishing business into the hands of the Canadians.

The law allows the New England fishermen a drawback of all duties paid on salt used in packing fish; and there is no reason why the same privilege should not be extended to those engaged in the lake-fisheries. The ratification of the treaty by Canada will put American fishing on the lakes at a serious disadvantage, unless the tax on salt and netting be repealed.

ANTI-ERIE LEGISLATION.

The melancholy days have evidently come for the thieves of Erie, and with each cold blast the Ring waxes thinner and thinner, and gives presage of its coming dissolution. The bullet of the assassin, when it removed Fisk Junior from his busy plottings, did for Erie what it seemed impossible could be done. It was like the battery discharge which opens the way for the infantry and cavalry to rush in and take possession of the works. The forces are already moving. The defrauded stockholders, State Legislatures, and the Courts are moving from different points, but are all converging upon the same object—the administration of Erie. There is every prospect that the outrageous Classification bill, by which Gould, Fisk & Co. succeeded in stealing the road, will be repealed. The Judiciary Committee of the New York Legislature is also engaged in hearing arguments upon a very important bill, which is evidently intended to affect Erie, from the fact that Jay Gould's partner is at Albany opposing it. By the provisions of this bill, the Attorney General is clothed with power, in case of a suit against a corporation, to seize and examine its books, when circumstances warrant it; to locate the place of trial where he chooses; and it gives the Judge power, upon proper notice, to suspend the officers of the corporation, and by that means obtain a Receiver. The Erie counsel bases his opposition to the bill upon the charge that such powers are liable to abuse. Granting such to be the case, the liability to abuse is infinitesimally small, when compared with the actuality of abuse, which exists in the Erie management; and, if this great abuse can be cured homeopathically by compelling the patient to swallow a smaller abuse, we see no reason why the remedy should not be applied. There has never been a time yet when a Court could get possession of all the books of Erie, or the exact book it wanted; and there has scarcely ever been a time when Erie could not locate a suit in the Ring Courts, and thereby keep its dishonest managers in power. As no other corporation manifested any fear of this extension of the Attorney General's powers, by putting in an appearance to protest against it, there will be little sympathy with Erie in the action of its counsel. Mr. Sherman, the partner of Jay Gould, one of the leading railroad-grabbers, who evidently felt that he could not face the music alone, and had not the assurance of Fisk to stand up to the rack and sight for his ill-gotten gains, Fisk was wont to call Jay Gould the brains of Erie, but the brains for once are unable to execute what they plan. Without Fisk's assurance and force, Jay Gould is but a spider, spinning a very crafty web, but without the quickness or the pluck to seize and devour his prey. The loss of Fisk to the partnership is an irreparable one. Intellectuality alone in crime is no better than the same alone in virtue and, without Fisk's hands to execute, Gould's head is no better than a wooden one.

The New Jersey Legislature has joined hands with the New York Legislature in the campaign, and has inaugurated active operations by the introduction of two important bills, which are being vigorously pressed to their certain passage. The first of these bills imposes, upon the real and personal property of Erie in Jersey City, the same taxes that are imposed upon other property in that city. Under a special law which Erie procured some years since, all its property lying east of the Bergen Tunnel, amounting in value, to several millions, is totally exempted from municipal taxation, and yields to the State only the trifling sum of $12,000 per annum. If taxed as other property is taxed, it will yield to the State nearly $300,000; and, as there is no reason why it should not be taxed as other property is taxed, the honest burghers of New Jersey, thinking that $200,000 is sixteen times better than $12,000, are going to have it, or puzzle Jay Gould to tell the reason why they can't. The second bill aims at the fundamental theory, which Erie has constantly ignored, that the people have some rights which Erie is bound to respect. New Jersey has always been a railroad-ridden State. Its United Companies with their immense canal property, their main lines and auxiliary roads, and their millions in property, rolling and floating stock, have overrun the State to such an extent that Camden & Amboy has dictated politics, finance, and nearly every other policy to the State. However quietly New Jersey may have submitted to these home impositions, it is evident that she does not intend any longer to allow outsiders to come in and enjoy the same privilege of abusing her, without some remuneration. Hence, this second bill, which provides that, should any Company detain a passenger, by accident or otherwise, over ten minutes, he should have the right to recover the amount of his fare and costs. This bill comes from the Committee on the Morris & Essex Railroad, which, owing to the obstructions to travel at the Bergen Tunnel, resulting from Erie mismanagement, suffers great inconvenience and delay. The outstanding of such a bill will enable sufferers to collect from the Erie Railroad where the detention is caused by it. This, with another proposition to place the management of the tunnel in the hands of a Commission, completes the first movements of legislation against Erie. With its books made attainable, its power to control Courts checked, the possibility of removing its dishonest officials established, and legislation secured which shall compel it to pay for property when it uses it, like any other corporation, and to observe the rights of the travelling public, and, in addition to this, with the road in the hands of honest stockholders, there seems to be a prospect that Erie may become a national blessing instead of a national curse.

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The cramping effect of such a policy upon authorship, and its damaging effect upon the Government whenever it gains publicity, can be easily imagined. The Hon. Robert Lowe's unlucky match-project would have been, at worst, only gently satirised for a few days, and then suffered to relapse into oblivion; but the Examiner's public statement: "I have struck Lowe's name and the matches out of every pantomime for '71," has been published far and wide, and has kept up for weeks a storm of ridicule, worse than that which first laughed down the pretty match stamps with their pretty motto of *Ex luce lucellum*.

The Hon. Henry Wilson, of Massachusetts, is now formally before the public as a candidate for the Republican nomination for the Vice Presidency. The Washington correspondent of the Boston *Journal*, who is an intimate personal friend of the Senator, telegraphs to his paper that "General Wilson's friends have determined to present his name to the Republicans of the country as the man who, above all other men, should receive the nomination for the Vice Presidency at the Philadelphia Convention." He also states that these friends of the Massachusetts Senator claim for him already the votes of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Virginia, Alabama, and other States, and that New England will undoubtedly pronounce in his favor, it being understood that Speaker Blaine declines to be considered a candidate for that un-distinction.

Mr. Colfax announced, some time since, his determination not, on any account, to be a candidate for re-election but this determination has since, it is said, been so far shaken that he is now counted among the candidates. Still others are likely to develop before the ides of June, when the Convention assembles. If they are all of as high grade as the two whom we have named, the Republican party will be fortunate in having a very choice list from which to select. As the Vice President has little or no patronage to dispense, we may reasonably expect that the people will have a good show to nominate the candidate.

Pennsylvania is growing restive under her bondage to her Railroads. The keenly satirical statement, that the Speaker of the House always asked, just before adjournment, "Has Tom Scott any further business for this body to do?" seems to have stung. At any rate, there are great grumbling and many calls for a change in policy. Apparently to quiet this spirit of uneasiness, the Harrisburg *State Journal* publishes a long leader on "Railroads as Discipliners of Communities," in which it argues:

Next to the training in our common schools is it to bring boys to perform the duties of men. Is requires good railroad managers to get up a train with the perfect man, to develop the really expert mechanic, and elevate the character of the common laborer.

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The railroad is more liberal than the average merchant or manufacturer. It is more ready to reward the highest qualities of man in the railroad service, and its development of good men of the best standard exceeds that of all other business.

If such convincing statements as these do not satisfy the grumblers, they must be hard to please.

A correspondent of the Pittsburgh *Chronicle* strives to prove that the band of desperadoes recently captured at Lorino were fellow-passengers were not Apaches, but white men disguised as Indians. He cites the notorious fact that there are many roving bands which are entirely made up of whites, who rob and murder, masquerading as Indians. Two strong reasons for believing the band in question to be of this sort are the facts that only one or two of the killed were scalped; and that, instead of taking blankets and fire-arms, the murderers rifled the mail-bags and carried off all the money, etc., from the pockets of their victims. An Indian will often burn the mails in pure mischief, but has never been known to carry off the letters, and never burdens himself with money. In 1862, some Shoshones captured, in Northern Oregon, a stage in which were boxes containing $20,000 worth of gold-dust, and carried off the boxes, leaving their precious contents inside the stage. No white man ever makes a mistake of that kind. Hitherto, the indicted Aldermen and their friends have assumed to treat the whole prosecution as a good joke; they have laughed at the idea of convicting an Alderman for any official misconduct; and it was confidently expected that the case against Glade would be thrown out of Court, and that that would be the end of the matter. Glade's conviction for a moment dampened the spirits of the fraternity; but the confident expectation that the Supreme Court would resent the imprisonment of an Alderman as an outrage upon the Lords anointed, supported them, as it did the prisoner in jail; but, now that the Supreme Court refuses to interfere, and leaves the Alderman to undergo his imprisonment, the business becomes serious. Hereafter, the law of the case will be considered as settled, and the trials of the other accused must turn on the facts of each case.

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The Supreme Court has refused a writ of *supersedeas* in the case of Alderman Glade, so that unhappy person will have to remain in jail, serving out the term of imprisonment for which he has been sentenced. Hitherto, the indicted Aldermen and their friends have assumed to treat the whole prosecution as a good joke; they have laughed at the idea of convicting an Alderman for any official misconduct; and it was confidently expected that the case against Glade would be thrown out of Court, and that that would be the end of the matter. Glade's conviction for a moment dampened the spirits of the fraternity; but the confident expectation that the Supreme Court would resent the imprisonment of an Alderman as an outrage upon the Lords anointed, supported them, as it did the prisoner in jail; but, now that the Supreme Court refuses to interfere, and leaves the Alderman to undergo his imprisonment, the business becomes serious. Hereafter, the law of the case will be considered as settled, and the trials of the other accused must turn on the facts of each case.

We print elsewhere the full text of Gortschakoff's note to Mr. Curtin, disjointed fragments of which hitherto have been construed into an indication of coolness between Russia and the United States. The full note, however, has nothing warlike about it, but, on the other hand, the old diplomat is convinced that the Cataccay matter, "painful as it is, will in no way alter the feelings of old and sincere friendship which unite our two countries," feelings which very recently have received a striking illustration in the cordial reception that the American nation has given to the son of the august monarch; a very few people in this country have any different convictions with relation to Russia, there is little danger of the disturbance of the *entente cordiale*. The entertainment of Alexis can proceed, and we are left at liberty to vent our warlike spirit on Spain, or the next comer.

The unfortunate notion of the Gladstone Administration in so ruthlessly cutting out from the Christmas pantomimes and farces all allusions to itself, has aroused a storm of indignation, which will probably result in abolishing forever the obnoxious censorship of the drama. Mr. Donne, the Examiner of Stage-Plays, has written to the London *Daily News*, which has been prominent in the movement, a letter in which he frankly admits that he "uniformly cut out from manuscripts sent for examination 'personal or personally political questions,' as well as passages or words, or phrases, such as were likely to give offence on religious or moral grounds." The action is defended on the ground of long-continued precedent; and the *Daily News* publishes a peculiar history of the censorship in the past. The office of Examiner of Stage-Plays is a lineal descendant from that of "Master of the Revels," who, in the olden time, ruled the holiday festivals of the Court, and nominally supervised all theatrical performances. His supervision became actual in the last century, when Gay's "Beggar's Opera," and its afterpiece, "Polly," aroused the wrath of George II. The two plays were promptly suppressed; but the result was, that the poet became the pet of the Opposition, and the obnoxious dramas were sold far and wide,—thus appealing to many more people than they would otherwise ever have reached. Discouraged by this, the Government did not again exercise its power until Fielding, in 1736, caricatured on the stage the whole Ministry. The Prime Minister at once procured the passage of the present stringent law, which has ever since kept up a guerrilla warfare between the Ministry and the playwrights. In this, the latter have naturally carried off the palm in argument, but have been obliged to submit, despite argument. Some shots, as says the quotation, When one Examiner struck from a play the words:

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[From the New York Sun, Jan. 24.

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Seeing this demonstration on the part of the foe, the brethren held a hasty council, at which it was resolved to summon the village Magistrate, and awaiting his arrival, act on the defensive. The Magistrate, Squire Wadsworth, lived half a mile distant. A messenger was at once sent to fetch him. The depraved youths, however, had no notion of waiting the arrival of reinforcements by their antagonists, but at once made preparations for the assault. They activated themselves and whistled threateningly, and with derisive boasts couched in the most disgusting language that bad whisky could inspire, and had procured the gate, when—but the brethren resolved upon another assault, and a sortie was made in force. At first the whiskeyites essayed to use their weapons, but the assault was too sudden and vigorous for them. It was evident that they were no match for enraged Methodists, and, becoming demoralized, they attempted to fly. In this, however, they only partly succeeded. A few of them got off, but the most were captured, and, after a little repetition of the first dose of pummelling, were secured with strong cords, and held as prisoners. This ended the second round, with—

VICTORY AGAIN ON THE METHODIST BANNERS.

'Squire Wadsworth arrived about the end of the second round, and at once proceeded to make out the warrants for the arrest of the wicked disturbers of the peace, deputizing the brethren to serve the warrants. The prisoners were already in custody, and the arrest was a mere matter of form. But the next question was what to do with the captives. This matter was quickly arranged by Brother Dickerson, who offered his store, close at hand, as a temporary prison, and thither the prisoners were marched. Scarcely, however, had they been thus corralled, and the close security under which they had been held abated, when two of the Van Ordens, Tom and John, managed to loosen the cords that secured them, and, by a sudden movement, escaped through a back door. They have not been heard from since.

THE DONATION VISIT.

Meantime, a very large company, old and young, males and females, had assembled at the Widow Lyons' to pay their visit to the pastor, and contribute their share of wordly goods. The extensive supper provided by the good sisters which had been partaken of by between 120 guests at 50 cents a head, all accessions continued to pour in, and coffee were getting hot and social, music and moral contributed to the prolongation of the pleasures of the evening. No dancing was permitted, but a melodeon gave forth accompaniments to which quite a number of the younger people, at least, give considerable time to try a few heads on the light fantastic, honorable, and a little more. The Agricultural Society is eminently practical, and Brother ... Handkerchief, Blind Man's Buff, and other similar games. The house was ... up stairs and down, front and back, ... out into the kitchen. The visit so ... a grand, an unparalleled success, and ... the most joyous manner the pop... of the good pastor.

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Suddenly, between 10 and 11 o'clock in the enjoyment was at its height, and ... childhood to perform ... invited to the ... Village has a Chemical ... and in its ... arranged ... in the crowded hall near ... entrance door, indecorously joining in ... song, and by their boisterous ... and frivolous words rendering in... and impious what had ... been so sweet and inspir... Of course this interruption destroyed ... music. The good Widow Lyons forced ... way through the throng to the vicinity ... intruders, and kindly requested them ... refrain from making a disturbance. They ... to her gentle words in coarse and vul... language, and demanded supper. She ... them that there was no supper left, and ... and depraved young men to ... has been made. The com... armed with guns, tin pans, pistols, ... drums, horse-fiddles, and lungs of ... capacity, which, when united in a ... without regard for tune or ... produce a volume of discord and din ... hideous character, in the very ... of the region, such a serenade is ...

"A SKIMMERTON."

...ation it is known as a "horn... usually occurs at a later hour in ... when the bridal party has re... sometimes until the serenaders are ... with refreshments, consisting of ... discharges of buckshot, well de... a trusty shot-gun. Mr. Peer ... the policy of treating in a friend... with the unwelcome visitors, and ... invited in and partook of the ... meats, of which whiskey was the ... feature. After partaking of ... the company withd... ... began reprising to the ... the wicked and depraved ones in a ... to a disreputable groggery in ... part of the village, where they pro... bale of Jersey Lightning and proceed... make merry. Before this disper... however, it was remarked by the more ... and sedate of the brethern at the ... that they might expect a call ... boisterous portion of the serenaders ... evening was over.

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THE GOVERNOR'S LATE MESSAGES.

SPRINGFIELD, Jan. 26.—The time of the House, to-day, was in part consumed in persistent efforts to reach a vote on a certain resolution offered yesterday by Mr. Brown, of Massac, and which was most strongly supported by the side defeated in the late Republican caucus, by those who refused to submit to its decision. The Democrats, on the other hand, made equally persistent efforts to fight off this resolution, and have thereby partly considered, discussed, and amended it at some evening session. As it now stands it is broad and vague, thanking the President, Governor, Lieutenant General, Secretary of War, and all others concerned, for what they did during the late terrible catastrophe, the time, place, and nature of the catastrophe not being mentioned. Since it is separated from other resolutions, and is not connected with them in any way, and can have nothing to do with them, it should be amended so as to express more precisely what the officers are thanked for, and then it would be a very proper expression of gratitude. In the afternoon, after reflection, the Republicans came to this determination, and by common consent it was made the special order for Tuesday evening, when it will doubtless pass. After the proceedings in the Republican caucus had shown that the majority of the Republican members were in favor of resolutions substantially like those which yesterday passed the House, several Federal office-holders in and out of the Legislature, some of whom have been in constant communication with Washington since they have heard from there that it was exceedingly undesirable that the Republican Legislature of Illinois should pass anything that looked like hostility to General Grant, set to work to find the means of softening what they considered a serious blow, and Mr. Brown, of Massac, in a region that great importance was attached to the position assumed by Illinois, so they drew up this resolution, thanking President Grant for what he had done, and including Sheridan and the Secretary of War, so as not to make it too personal. Some of the Democrats, who are always able to Grant's friends and the Governor's enemies was thought sufficient to take away the sting of the caucus resolutions, but the Democrats in the